PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
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Operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Public Service and Administrative Reforms

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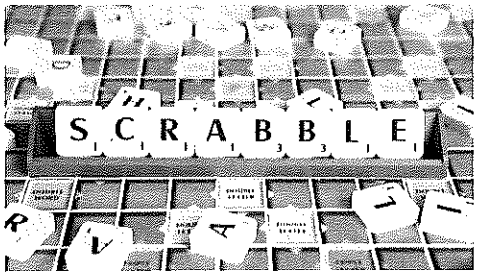
From: *Welfare Events Organiser, Public Officers' Welfare Council*
To: *Supervising Officers i/c Departments/Ministries*

Scrabble Competition 2026



The Public Officers' Welfare Council (POWC) is organising its annual Scrabble Competition for Public Officers.

2. **Due to the low participation rate, the POWC has decided to re-advertise the competition to encourage greater participation. Participants who have already registered for the competition are not required to submit a new registration, as their existing registration will remain valid.**

3. Each Ministry/Department/Staff Welfare Association or major Division of a Ministry (comprising at least 25 officers) will be allowed to submit a maximum of two participants. The selection of the two participants will have to be made by way of preliminaries at the level of the Ministry/Department/Staff Welfare Association/Division itself.

4. The Competition will be played on a Knock-Out Plate System.

General Notes

a) All participants shall, after the drawing of lots, be placed on a compass draw;
b) After playing their first match, the winning participant will be qualified for the following rounds (Category A) until they reach the final;
c) The losing participant of the first round will play on a consolatory compass draw (Category B) until they reach the consolatory final; and
d) Each participant will play a minimum of two matches.

5. Please note that only one match will be played to determine the winner for the knock-out stages. No ***"best of three"*** system will be applied for any stage, except for the finals.

6. The set of Rules and Regulations governing the Competition is at **Annex A.**

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7. The fixtures and venue for the competition will be forwarded to all participants in due course.

8. Cash Prizes and Souvenir Trophies will be awarded as follows:

PRIZES	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
1st Prize Winner	Rs 5 000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 4 000 + Souvenir Trophy
2nd Prize Winner	Rs 4 000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 3 000 + Souvenir Trophy
3rd Prize Winner	Rs 3 000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 2 000 + Souvenir Trophy
4th Prize Winner	Rs 2 000 + Souvenir Trophy	Rs 1 000 + Souvenir Trophy

9. Ministries/Departments/Staff Welfare Associations/Divisions willing to participate in the Scrabble Competition are requested to fill in the attached participation form **(Annex B)** and submit same to the Welfare Events Organiser, Public Officers' Welfare Council, 12th Floor, SICOM Building 2, Corner Chevreau and Reverend Jean Lebrun Streets, Port Louis by **15 00 hours on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 at latest.**

10. A photocopy of a recent payslip or top part of the payslip indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Number or any written evidence/document certifying that the participant is a serving Public Officer will have to be submitted together with the participation form. **It is compulsory that the participation form be endorsed by the Supervising Officer and bear the seal of the participating Ministry/Department. In case of non-compliance, the participation form will not be considered by the Council.**

11. Participants will be called upon for a briefing session on the **12th Floor, SICOM Building 2, Corner Chevreau and Reverend Jean Lebrun Streets, Port Louis.** The date and time will be communicated in due course. Participants' **mobile number and email address are important** so that they may easily be contacted in case there is any change regarding the meeting and the competition.

12. **All matches will start at 12:00 hours. Participant who is not present by 12:15 hours will be eliminated from the competition.**

13. The POWC reserves the right to cancel the tournament in case of low participation or any unforeseen circumstances.

14. It would be appreciated if the contents of this circular could be brought to the attention of all Public Officers serving in your Ministry/Department/ Division.

15. A copy of the circular is also posted on the Council's website: http://powc.govmu.org

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Welfare Events Organiser

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations

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Annex A

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SCRABBLE COMPETITION 2026

Rules and Regulations

1. The Competition will be played on a face to face style.

2. A draw will be carried out among competitors to decide who will start the game.

3. An exchange of 01 to 07 tiles will be permitted only if more than 7 tiles are left in the bag, but the player passes on his turn.

4. A player may challenge a word. If the word is correct, his opponent scores an additional 10 marks, if it is wrong, he scores the 10 marks.

5. A player who places all seven tiles in one turn scores a bonus of 50 marks.

6. Dictionary – Collins Scrabble Dictionary (2019 edition).

7. Time allowed – 1 minute per turn.

8. Challenge Time – 15 seconds

9. The game ends when all the tiles in the bag are used and one player has placed all his tiles.

10. At the end of the game, the remaining tiles value is added and twice the total is added to his opponent.

11. The winner is the one who has scored the highest number of points.

12. In case of deadlock, two rounds will be accepted then the game will end.

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Annex B

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Participation Form

Name:(Mr./Mrs./Miss).....

Ministry/Department/Division: .....

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Designation: .....

Office No.: ..... Mobile No.: ..... Fax No: .....

Residential Address:.....

Email Address:.....

Signature:.....

<u>To be endorsed and sealed by Supervising Officer of Ministry/Department/Division</u>

Name of Supervising Officer : _____

Post Held / Designation : _____

Office Number: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____